

OCTOBER

Holy Family Pre-K 3

Letter from Director

Dear Parents,

We had a great month learning the following units: All About Me, Feelings & Manners, The 5 senses, Beach & Pet Week. We also celebrated our Holy Mother Mary's birthday. What a busy month! The children are precious. It is amazing how quickly they have learned the schedule and rules. The staff feels truly blessed to have such wonderful jobs!

I am sure you have already asked your child what he/she did in school today. Normally, you may hear a response of "nothing" or "just play". This is very common. Often, what the children think of as "just play" is actually an activity to develop important skills, such as fine motor, gross motor, social, and cognitive skills. Play is children's work!

Clothing: Please remember to put your children in clothing that is easily removed for potty breaks. Elastic waistbands are the easiest for the children to undress & dress themselves.

Also, with the cooler weather approaching please keep in mind that some days may be cool in the morning, and quickly warm up.

Please remember to label EVERYTHING with your child's name.

On color days the children do not have to wear their school shirts. Please let them wear the color of the month for that day. Also, children must wear tennis shoes for safety reasons.

Sweatshirts: For anyone in need of Pre-K 3 sweatshirts, they are available school for \$15.00.

REMINDERS: TUITION IS DUE BY THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH!!

When sending snacks, please send enough for all 26 students!

Parties/Special Events: Our room mothers will be in touch via email regarding any events coming up. They will need help from other parents with organizing the details and supplying party food/supplies. This is an easy way to fulfill your service hours. Typically, parents are allowed to attend parties, but with the safety regulations currently in place, this will not be allowed.

In observance of Fire Prevention week, we hope to be visited by the local Fire Department. If this takes place, it will be held outdoors and at a distance.

The Blessing of the Pets will take place on October 2nd. We are asking you to allow your child to bring a photo of their pet to be blessed by Father David. If you do not have a pet, your child may bring a stuffed animal that day.

Discipline: The children are doing a great job adjusting to school and their new boundaries. Your child's clip may move several times throughout the day because all staff members are taking an active role in the behavior chart. We will send notes home for exceptionally good days as well as exceptionally rough days. The behavior is handled at school, but we do appreciate reinforcement at home.

Thank you for your help in making this a wonderful beginning to the school year!

Sincerely,
Leigh LeBlanc
Director

Service Hour Opportunity

An email will sent to you in the coming week or so regarding service hour opportunities.

Curriculum

Unit: This month we will cover units on Fire Prevention, Fall Harvest & Seasons, Pumpkins and Halloween Fun. Our Bible themes usually coincide with the theme of the week. The Character Critter is Fairness. Nursery Rhymes for this month will be Itsy Bitsy Spider and Hey Diddle Diddle. Our color for the month is orange. We will cover letters E, F, G, H and I. Directional terms are over & under & on and off. Our shape this month is a triangle. We will have our monthly fire & tornado drills on the 20th and enrichment on the 13th.

Group Photos: We will be taking Group Photos on the 7th. Please dress your child in his or her **NAVY UNIFORM SHIRT ONLY** with any bottoms. **Please arrive at school no later than 7:20 or your child may miss the group photo.**

Dismissal: Please remember that our dismissal time is 2:00 – 2:15. If you have an older child at HFS, please pick up with us first. We will be enforcing late fees of \$1.00/minute late. This also applies to pickup after 5:30. If you know that you will be arriving late, please give us a call to let us know.

October 5th & 6th: We will not have school on the 5th or 6th. Have a wonderful Fall Break!

Pumpkin Hunt & Halloween Party: We will have a pumpkin hunt on the 23rd (children only) and each child will need to bring 3 mini pumpkins. The 3 mini pumpkins (smallest size, not "pie size") are due on the 21st. Please do not send them earlier as they tend to begin rotting. Our Halloween party will be on October 31st. The children may wear costumes to school, but no masks or weapons will be allowed. **Also, please put your child's uniform under their costume so we can change before lunch!**

This Month's Highlights

10-1:

ORANGE DAY

10-2:

Blessing of the Pets (bring photo)

10-5 & 10-6:

Fall Break - NO SCHOOL!

10-5 - 10-9:

Fire Prevention Week

10-7:

Group Photos (wear navy Pre-K 3 shirt)

10-8:

Nita's Birthday

10-13:

Mrs. Trisha's Birthday

Enrichment

10-15:

ORANGE DAY

10-20:

Fire & Emergency Drills

10-21:

3 mini pumpkins due

10-23:

Pumpkin Hunt & FREE DRESS DAY

10-29:

Cassie Treuil Sessions (more info to come)

10-30:

Halloween Party (Wear uniform under costume)

BIRTHDAYS:

- MIA - 19TH
- LANE - 25TH
- LUCY - 30TH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!
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